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Calcium Sennoside, manufactured from Senna and Vinblastine and Vincristine manufactured from Vinca Rosea are also being exported. The export figures of these products for the last three years are as follows:—

Value: Rs. Crores

Sl. No.	Name of the item	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89
1.	Calcium Seenoside	0.32	0.96	1.58
2.	Vinblastine and Vincristine	1.05	0.02	0.25

(Note: Export data is maintained in terms of value of exports only and quantities exported are not monitored)

Shifting the Category of certain Drugs

2045. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry do not impose a ban or restrict the import of a drug till it is not produced at least by three producers;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that his Ministry have not shifted those drugs being produced by less than three producers from OGL to restricted or banned list of import policy;

(c) what are the names of those drugs;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the production of those drugs is much higher than the demand in the country and are also being produced from basic stages;

(e) if so, what are the names of those drugs;

(f) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry have shifted the category of certain drugs and drug intermediates where there is a monopoly production as well as production from intermediate stages; and

(g) if so, what are the names of those drugs?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) to (g) The new Import and Export Policy to be effective from 1st April, 1990 is under formulation and no details can be given at this stage. While formulating the import regime for a particular drug, the interest of users on the one hand and of producers on the other, are taken into consideration and decisions are taken which are in the larger public interest.

Export of Basic Raw Materials

2046 SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both basic raw material as well as end finished products are being exported where availability sources are limited in the world;

(b) whether it is also a fact that by exporting the basic material, the country is losing foreign exchange in comparison to export of end product;

(c) whether Government have examined this aspect and prepared a list of such products and basic materials;

(d) if so, the names of such basic materials and end products;

(e) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has decided to impose

certain restrictions on export of basic materials in such cases; and

(f) if so, what is the policy in this regard and what are the names of such basic materials which have been banned or restricted for export?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes Sir. The Export Policy has been framed in such a way that most of the items including basic raw materials are freely exportable. A limited number of items are subject to export control with a view to avoid internal shortage, conserve national resources, and to protect environment.

(b) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Commerce takes review from time to time to encourage the export of end products. For example, the export of hides and skins will no longer be allowed for export because the country has developed a potential for exporting finished leather and other end products.

(c) and (d) An examination of this aspect is continuously made but no exhaustive list is available. Most of the basic raw materials such as seeds, vegetable oil, mineral ores and concentrates, metals and their components, chemicals raw hides and skins, paper grade pulp including bamboo pulp, wool waste, metals, silver salts, silver chemicals and components, metallurgical residues, pulses of all types etc., are not allowed for export.

(e) The scheme of restrictions on export of basic raw materials is available in the Export Policy. Certain basic materials are exported on the merits of each case, some are subject to canalisation, some are not allowed for export at all, some are under ceiling and some are allowed under OGL subject to certain conditions.

(f) The names and the categories of such basic materials which are not allowed or restricted for export are mentioned in the three schedules and six appendices to the Export Policy, copy of which is available in the Rajya Sabha Library.

Violation of FERA Provisions by Industrial Houses

2047. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the period 1984-89, several industrial houses violated the FERA provisions;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether there was any violation of the FERA provisions by Ambani group of companies (Reliance etc.) during these years;

(d) if so, whether any action was taken by Government against these companies for the violations;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) if not, what were the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Contract Labour for Scavenging/sweeping work in Nationalised Banks in Bombay

2048. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that scavenging/sweeping work in nationalised banks in Bombay is entrusted to labourers on contract basis, (daily wages);

(b) whether it is also a fact that these labourers are not given the benefit of provident fund, gratuity earned leave etc;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the number of such contract labourers in the Bank of Baroda?